

SOME IMPORTANT FARMING LAND

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BLACKSBURG, VA., April 10.—The Eighth Congressional District embraces some of the most important counties in the State. This region is known far and wide as the Piedmont section and has long been famed for its agricultural activities and the beauty of the landscape. Throughout the section are found almost ideal conditions from the standpoint of the farmer. The climate is admirably tempered, the soil is kindly and responds to generous treatment, while the country is gently undulating and well watered. Railroad facilities are excellent, churches and schools numerous, and there are encouraging evidences of progress on every hand. It was a real pleasure to visit this section of the State and meet personally with the farmers who are making steady progress in solving the problems which confront them. Of course, there are deficiencies in practice here as elsewhere and the soil has not always been treated as it deserves, but the leaders are thinking, industrious men who have seen the handwriting on the wall and are changing front to meet increasing competition and the steady encroachment of scientific methods as applied to crop and animal production.

That this famous region should be regarded in the light of a worn-out section, as is sometimes suggested, is incomprehensible to the writer, and must have found origin in the minds of persons unacquainted with the true nature of the soil and its possibilities under good management. As great a variety of crops can be produced in Piedmont Virginia as are grown anywhere in the State. All the soil building crops of the leguminous family do well; the soil is deep and holds tenaciously all forms of plant food applied to it. Indifference sometimes to the value of grass as a restorative crop on the soil and a failure to alternate soil building with exhaustive crops has left the land in bad mechanical condition in some instances, but these are only temporary difficulties which can be overcome in the course of a few years through the generous use of green manures, or better still, an application of that obtained from the farm yard through the increased production of beef and dairy cattle.

Soil Basis of Wealth.

The character of the soil constitutes the basis of agricultural wealth, and if it is naturally strong and capable of retaining the needed elements of plant food which may be applied in an artificial form, and if it is already possessed of large quantities of food which may be available through judicious cultivation, the outlook for the farmer possessed of such land is indeed encouraging. If he does not make the most of his opportunities it is clearly his own fault, for nature under these conditions has

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done her part, and the soil but awaits the touch of the master hand acquainted as it must be with all those truths relating to physics, bacteriology, botany and the kindred sciences that have to do with the mysterious growth and reproduction of crops. Then will the desolate places become glad and the whole face of nature become a veritable garden of the gods.

These are not the idle thoughts of a dreamer, though too frequently those possessed of the soil see nothing to encourage them, and thus become sad and pessimistic, whereas, if they enjoyed the true insight into the possibilities of agricultural production which education along agricultural lines would give, all would be changed, for progress hinges largely on optimism and on the power of the seer to penetrate the future, and from the tangled mass of facts which science reveals select those principles for guidance which held to with tenacity lead ultimately to fortune. Intelligent efforts get dom goes to waste. Would that this great principle might become a fundamental truth in the mind of every farmer and

the greatest difficulty in clearing away the debris arising from centuries of wasteful methods and establishing agricultural practice on a new and higher plane would be overcome.

Eighth District.

The occasion for these reflections was furnished by an institute trip through the Eighth Congressional District in company with the Hon. William H. Egghorn, member of the State Board of Agriculture, for this district, under whose direction the meetings were held. The trip was interesting from start to finish and was made exceedingly pleasant to the party by reason of the many courtesies received from Mr. Egghorn and the farmers of the Eighth District. The weather, in fact, too good for farmers' institutes, because the dry weather of last autumn had kept farm work back very seriously, and there was a proper desire in the heart of every man to the field and plowing. Nevertheless, the meetings were well attended, surprisingly well under the conditions, and those who did come brought enthusiasm for themselves and some to spare for their neighbors.

bors. The writer and his associates, Professors Davidson and Penneyhough, have seldom been more severely tested than by the audiences met on this trip, for to the speakers and they showed clearly that the farmers were thinking and thinking seriously over the many problems that come up for solution under the present complex system of agricultural practices which competition and changed economic conditions have brought about.

No single interest can claim the attention of the farmers in Piedmont Virginia. In this section of the State dairying has been more successfully developed than elsewhere. Owing to the proximity of the cities of Washington and Baltimore, there is a steady and increasing demand for milk, cream and butter at good prices. The prices are not always just, for, unfortunately, the farmers in this part of the State have not yet learned the value of co-operation, and so have not combined to protect their interests as they should. The market for dairying products is all that could be desired, and when the producers get together their profits will be vastly increased, thereby without placing any additional burden on the consumer.

Cattle Raising.

Piedmont Virginia also handles and fattens a large number of beef cattle. Grazing is not developed to the same extent in this section of the State as in the Southwest, because blue grass does not always take so kindly to the soil, and somehow or other it is more or less everywhere that farmers who cannot get blue grass often conclude that other grasses cannot be grown to advantage, and the virtues of orchard grass and tall oat grass for grazing purposes seem to have been largely overlooked. It was natural under these conditions that the silo and crops for the same should prove to be a subject of general interest, for the silo will add vastly to the carrying capacity of Piedmont lands and provide succulent and nutritious crops to take the place of grass in both summer and winter. The silo will be invaluable to the dairyman of this section, as it provides an easy and cheap method of substituting a desirable food for the more expensive method of soiling, which is now too generally practiced.

The question of securing concentrates in a desirable form at the lowest cost was keenly discussed, and it is a pleasure to know that the feeding value of cotton seed meal is probably more generally recognized here than elsewhere. Its use, however, is far from general, and can be extended to advantage in the future. It was also pointed out that many leguminous crops, which provide hay of superior quality, can be grown to advantage and utilized for the grazing of beef or as adjuncts in feeding beef and dairy cattle, and effect a considerable saving in the more expensive concentrates which are now purchased and utilized for that purpose.

It seems, from various statements made, that the soil of this region need treatment with lime, at the rate of twenty-five to fifty bushels per acre, once in three to five years. The unslaked lime should be purchased and utilized for this purpose as far as possible in the winter and spring months, and as well as plentiful supplies of vegetable matter and nitrogen, which, however, should be obtained through an extension of the live stock interests or through the utilization of leguminous crops. Deeper, more thorough and persistent cultivation of the soil will bring its just reward.

All these problems are receiving their quota of attention, and with the encouraging forces now at work through farmers' institutes, through the efforts of the State Experiment Station, and through the dissemination of useful literature in the form of bulletins and agricultural papers, the future of this section is certainly encouraging.

—ANDREW M. SOULE,
Virginia Experiment Station.

MOTOR RACING CLUB.

First Organization of Its Kind Ever Established.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, April 15.—The Morris Park Motor Racing Club, the first organization of its kind in the world, has been incorporated, as a natural sequence to the establishment of a course at Morris Park exclusively for automobile contests.

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Aside from regular meets for all types of cars, there will be special events for the club members, so that the millionaire owners can enjoy the thrilling sport of guiding their machine for mere cars for glory and trophies.

The membership of the club will be limited to 250, and a governing board of twenty-one members. The race committee will have charge of the club championship event and the other trials of speed between members.

KLEPTOMANIA.

A Play Beautifully Presented by Sweet Maids at School.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BOWLING GREEN, VA., April 15.—The students of the Female Seminary gave a performance Saturday evening of a play entitled "Kleptomania." The principal characters were taken by the Misses Coke, Dossell, Moore, and Moss. The play was under the management of the vocal teacher, Miss Margaret Love and was a very successful one. The proceeds are to be used for a library. After the performance the students held a reception and refreshments were served. The latest addition to the Seminary is the Misses Hall, of Richmond, Va.

Amherst Items.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

AMHERST, VA., April 15.—Mr. Stephen Harding, brother of Mr. Stephen R. Harding, of this county, died at the home of his son, near Bedford, this county, Tuesday night, April 12, at an old man and has been visiting his son for several months past. He was taken to his home in New York for treatment this afternoon on train No. 30 for the Southern.

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The April term of the Amherst Circuit Court will be held Monday. Not many new suits have been brought and it is not thought that there will be a long term.

Charles City Notes.

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MALVERN HILL, VA., April 15.—Miss Barbara Trigg and sister, Miss Frances Trigg, of this county, died at the home of her son, near Bedford, this county, Tuesday night, April 12, at an old man and has been visiting his son for several months past. He was taken to his home in New York for treatment this afternoon on train No. 30 for the Southern.

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Wedding Cards.

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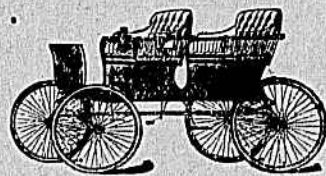
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ACNE, TETTER, ECZEMA, PSORIASIS, SALT RHEUM.

There is nothing more distressing than an itching, burning skin disease, and upon the return of warm weather those who are afflicted with skin troubles find the symptoms appearing and know that they will be tormented through the hot summer months. The blood is heated with humors and acrid matter, and as they are forced to the surface the skin seems to be on fire. The treatment of skin diseases with external applications is all wrong, because they do not reach the trouble which is in the blood. The most such treatment can be expected to do is, allay the itching and burning and cover up the trouble for awhile, but as soon as it is left off the disease returns.

All food taken into the body contains, in some form, the elements necessary to sustain the different parts. One portion is used for the making of blood, another for muscle, one for bone, still another for fat, and so on. After these different properties are extracted from the food there still remains a portion that is useless, or waste matter, which is intended to be disposed of through the natural channels of bodily waste, the Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. At this season of the year, however, these organs become

torpid, dull and sluggish, and fail to perform this duty, and these accumulations remain in the system and are absorbed by the blood to ferment and sour, producing burning acids and acrid humors. The blood cannot properly nourish the system while in this impure condition, and begins to throw off these acids through the pores and glands of the skin, producing Acne, Eczema, Tetter, Psoriasis, Salt Rheum and skin diseases of every description.

ECZEMA appears usually with a slight redness of the skin, followed by pustules from which there flows a sticky fluid that dries and forms a crust, and the itching is intense. It is generally on the back, breast, arms, legs and face, though other parts of the body may be afflicted. In TETTER the skin dries, cracks and bleeds, and is often very painful. The acid in the blood dries up the natural oils of the skin, causing a dry, feverish, hardened condition and giving it a leathery appearance. ACNE makes its appearance on the face in the form of pimples and black-heads, and is particularly disagreeable because of its unsightly appearance, while PSORIASIS, a scaly disease, comes in patches on different parts of the body. One of the worst forms of skin disease is SALT RHEUM. It discharges a watery fluid, forming sores and producing intense itching. The head and face are the parts usually affected, and sometimes the hair falls out and a mass of sores forms on the scalp.

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